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TITLE OF INVENTION: Methods and devices for maintaining sessions based on presence status information

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**Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)**  
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The Office has discontinued providing a Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) calculation with the Notice of Allowance.

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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 11/393,900	<b>Applicant(s)</b> CHANDRANMENON ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> PATRICE WINDER	<b>Art Unit</b> 2452	<b>AIA (First Inventor to File) Status</b> No

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6-12-2014.  
☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on \_\_\_\_.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on \_\_\_\_; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-7,9-12,14 and 26-36. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see [http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init\\_events/pph/index.jsp](http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp) or send an inquiry to [PPHfeedback@uspto.gov](mailto:PPHfeedback@uspto.gov).
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

**Certified copies:**

a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some    \*c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_.

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.  
☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.

**Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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/PATRICE WINDER/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2452	
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The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Curtin on Friday September 26, 2014.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### **In the claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 12 further comprising:  
monitoring a presence status of a client device associated with the user; and  
maintaining an on-line gaming session on behalf of the user even when the status indicates the client device is inactive.
2. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 1 further comprising forwarding messages to the client device when the client device is active, wherein the messages were received when the client device was inactive.
3. (Canceled).

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4. (Original) The method as in claim 2 wherein the messages are forwarded wirelessly.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 1 further comprising collecting presence status information concerning the one or more third party users even when the client device is inactive.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 1 further comprising forwarding messages to the client device in order to update one or more indicators, wherein at least one of the indicators is associated with presence status information of the one or more third party users.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 12 further comprising: forwarding the request from the client device, to initiate an on-line gaining session, to a proxy agent; and receiving messages at the client device from the proxy agent during an active presence state, wherein the messages were originally received by the agent when the client device was inactive.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 7 further comprising exchanging signaling messages between the client device and the proxy agent using short binary messages.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 7 wherein the request is forwarded wirelessly from the client device to the proxy agent.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 7 further comprising receiving one or more messages from the agent at the client device, wherein at least one of the



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messages is used to update at least one indicator associated with presence status information of the one or more third party users.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for forming one or more groups associated with one or more online gaining sessions comprising:

receiving one or more identities of one or more third party users;

determining the availability of the identified third party users;

comparing profiles of the identified and available third party users, with attributes of a request to initiate an online gaining session of a game by a user, to determine the gaining skill level of the third party users;

forming a gaining group containing those third party users that are not currently involved in a gaining session of the game, and have the substantially same gaining skill level as that required by the request from the compared, identified and available users along with the user that initiated the request; [[and]]

further comprising:

initiating the online gaining session of the game for the formed gaining group;

forwarding requirements of the request on to a third party lobby to identify the third party users that satisfy the request; and

receiving an identification of each third party user that satisfies the request.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) The method as in claim 12 further comprising:

forwarding requirements of the request on to a third party lobby to identify the third party users that satisfy the request;

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~~receiving an identification of each third party user that satisfies the request; and~~  
forming the gaining group containing those third party users that are not currently involved in a gaining session of the game, and  
satisfy the request along with the user that initiated the request.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Canceled).

17. (Canceled).

18. (Canceled).

19. (Canceled).

20. (Canceled).

21. (Canceled).

22. (Canceled).

23. (Canceled).

24. (Canceled).

25. (Canceled).

26. (Currently Amended) A system for forming one or more groups associated with one or more online gaining sessions comprising:

a memory storing instructions to implement a lobby, the lobby operable to receive one or more identities of one or more third party users;

determine the availability of the identified third party users;

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compare profiles of the identified and available third party users, with attributes of a request to initiate an online gaining session of a game by a user, to determine the gaining skill level of the third party users;

form a gaining group containing those third party users that are not currently involved in a gaining session of the game, and have the substantially same gaining skill level as that required by the request from the compared, identified and available users along with the user that initiated the request; [[and]]

initiate the online gaining session of the game for the formed gaining group;

further comprising:

forward requirements of the request on to a third party lobby to identify the third party users that satisfy the request; and

receive an identification of each third party user that satisfies the request.

27. (Currently Amended) The system as in claim 26 wherein the memory comprises instructions further operable to:

~~forward requirements of the request on to a third party lobby to identify the third party users that satisfy the request;~~

~~receive an identification of each third party user that satisfies the request; and~~

form the gaining group containing those third party users that are not currently involved in a gaining session of the game, and satisfy the request along with the user that initiated the request.

28. (Previously Presented) The system as in claim 26 further comprising: a proxy agent, the agent operable to monitor a presence status of a client device associated

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with the user; and maintain an on-line gaining session on behalf of the user even when the status indicates the client device is inactive.

29. (Previously Presented) The system as in claim 28, wherein the proxy agent is further operable to forward messages to the client device when the client device is active, wherein the messages were received when the client device was inactive.

30. (Previously Presented) The system as in claim 29, wherein the messages are forwarded wirelessly.

31. (Previously Presented) The system as in claim 28, wherein the proxy agent is further operable to collect presence status information concerning the one or more third party users even when the client device is inactive.

32. (Previously Presented) The system as in claim 28, wherein the proxy agent is further operable to forward messages to the client device in order to update one or more indicators, wherein at least one of the indicators is associated with presence status information of the one or more third party users.

33. (Previously Presented) The system as in claim 26 further comprising: a client device, the device operable to forward the request to a proxy agent; and

receive messages from the proxy agent during an active presence state, wherein the messages were originally received by the agent when the client device was inactive.

34. (Previously Presented) The system as in claim 33, wherein the device is further operable to exchange signaling messages with the proxy agent using short binary messages.

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35. (Previously Presented) The system as in claim 33, wherein the device is operable to forward the request wirelessly to the proxy agent.

36. (Previously Presented) The system as in claim 33, wherein the device is further operable to receive one or more messages from the agent, wherein at least one of the messages is used to update at least one indicator associated with presence status information of the one or more third party users.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-12, 14, 26-36 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest identifying the third party users by sending the request through a third party lobby as recited in the claims. The closest prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a third party lobby identifies the third party users, see specifically references "C" and "D" of the attached PTO-892.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thu V. Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-6967. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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